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X Response to Restriction Requirement  
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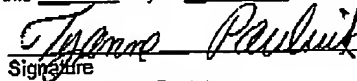
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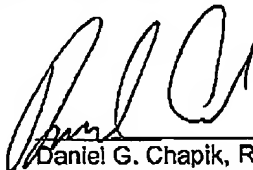
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In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action mailed December 7, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.